

WHEN IT COMES TO DISPOSAL....

Drains, toilets and trash cans are not all the same. Disposing of trash down drains and toilets can lead to sewer overflows and back-ups that can cause harm to human health and our local environment.



Using drains and toilets as trash cans may create sewer overflows into streets and water bodies.



Treatment plants effectively remove toilet paper from wastewater; all other garbage should go in the trash can.

HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

Products that are hazardous should not go down your sink, toilet, storm drains or in the trash can. A product is hazardous if the label says: **CAUTION-WARNING-DANGER-POISON**.

Avoid hazardous products when you shop. Read the label first!



HIGHEST HAZARD

DANGER, POISON —
Avoid these products

MODERATE HAZARD

CAUTION, WARNING

SAFEST

Does not have **CAUTION, WARNING, DANGER, POISON**

Choose products with little or no scent; avoid aerosols.

Buy only what you need.

Follow label instructions. For a list of safer household products go to:
www.govlink.org/hazwaste/house/.

Questions about products or disposal? Call the Household Hazards Line at **206-296-4692**, Monday thru Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for times and disposal **locations near you**.

BRING HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SITES FOR FREE DISPOSAL

King County Household Hazardous Waste Facilities

Bellevue-Factoria Drop-Off Service*

No appointment required.
13800 SE 32nd St., Bellevue
Open Tuesday thru Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., except holidays

South Seattle*†

No appointment required.
8105 Fifth Ave. South
Open Thursday thru Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., except holidays

North Seattle*†

Appointment required.
Open Sunday thru Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Call Households Hazards Line
206-296-4692 or 1-888-869-4233; 711 TTY

*Limit 10 fluorescent bulbs and container limit of 5 gallons with a maximum of 50 gallons total per customer per day.

†Limit 30 gallons of gasoline.

If you have a container that holds more than 5 gallons – call first for disposal permission.

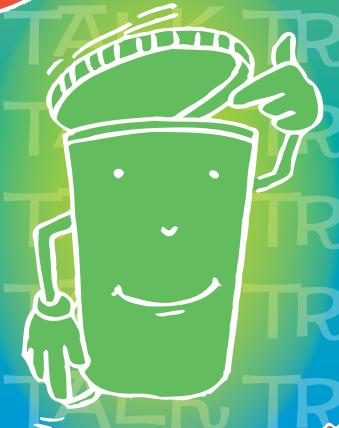
Learn more at
www.govlink/hazwaste/house/disposal/.

Alternative Formats

206-684-1714 (voice) or 711 (TTY)

LET'S TALK TRASH

Protecting water quality starts with each of us!



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Remember, if it isn't biodegradable, put it in the trash can, or recycle it.

IN THE KITCHEN:



- grease & produce stickers = trash
- food = garbage disposal or compost

Grease sticks to household and sewage pipes. Over time, grease build-up will block the entire pipe and result in raw sewage backing up into your home or overflowing into the street or waterway. Follow these four simple steps to keep things running smoothly.



DON'T put produce stickers down the drain.

DON'T put grease, fats, or oil of any type down your drain or garbage disposal.



DO use baskets or strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids and empty them into the trash or compost them.

DO scrape grease and food scraps from cooking surfaces into a container and put in the trash can or compost.

IN THE BATHROOM: think trash not toilets

Flushing the wrong thing down the toilet damages your household plumbing, your environment and the wastewater treatment system. If it isn't biodegradable, put it in the trash instead of the toilet.



THESE ITEMS BELONG IN THE TRASH CAN



Band-aids & bandage wrappers



Cleaning wipes



Condoms



Cotton balls, swabs & pads



Dental floss & teeth whitening strips



Disposable diapers, nursing pads & baby wipes



Facial wipes



Hair



Kitty litter



Expired & unused prescription or over-the-counter medications.
(Return these to your pharmacy or place in the trash can.)



Mini & maxi-pads



Tampons & applicators

For more information about things you can do to protect your environment, visit:
<http://dnr.metrokc.gov/wtd/community/thingstodo.htm>



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